

REMARKS

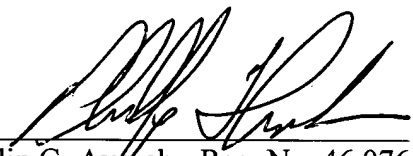
An Amendment to the application was filed on May 5, 2004 in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003. The Amended Specification and Abstract submitted with the Amendment was marked in the manner specified by the Office to show the changes made. On May 21, 2004, the Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Paper No. 7) in which a "clean" copy of the specification was requested. Such a clean copy of the Amended Specification and Abstract, with the changes included but not explicitly indicated, is attached hereto in response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Entry of this Supplemental Amendment and further examination of the application on its merits is respectfully requested.

For the reasons set forth in the Amendment of May 5, 2004, it is respectfully submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date


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Attachment – Clean Version of Amended Specification and Abstract